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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Finow Airfield 25X1A

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] RED 6 October 1953

REFERENCES _____

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) _____

REMARKS _____

SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1X

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- ☐ 1. At about 4 p.m. on 29 August 1953, no air activity was observed at Finow airfield. About 60 MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s were parked at the installation. On 3 September, there was intensive air activity during the day and at night. At noon, MiG-15s were repeatedly observed making low level attacks. Formations of four aircraft were repeatedly observed aloft.¹
2. On 1 September, 12 flatcars with at least 4 x 37-mm AA guns and trucks and 3 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were shunted from Finow railroad station to the spur track leading to Finow airfield. 25X1

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3. Five ammunition bunkers, each 6 x 4 meters, underground almost the top of the small pointed roof, were observed along the road leading from Finow to the airfield.³

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4. [REDACTED]

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- ☐ 5. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 31 August and 7 September:

31 August. Swept-back jet fighters made night flights between 8 p.m. and midnight. One of the aircraft towed a sleeve target which was illuminated by two searchlights, and fired upon by other swept-back jet fighters.

1 September. Throughout the day, there was intensive air activity by aircraft flying in formations of twos and fours.

2 September. Aircraft practiced flying in formations of twos, threes and fours.

3 September. During the daytime, air activity was lighter than on the preceding days. Night flights were made after 10 p.m.

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4 September. There was little air activity although the weather was good. Three biplanes flew in a flight, 6 Yak-11s made local individual flights, and 2 swept-back jet fighters practiced formation flying.

5 and 6 September. No air activity was observed.

7 September. The field was occupied by an estimated 50 MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s and 6 Yak-11s.¹

6. On 7 September, no guns could be observed in the AA gun emplacements at the southeastern corner of the field because of the good camouflage. Twenty soldiers with red-bordered black epauletts were seen on the way to the AA gun emplacement.²
7. German female personnel were re-employed in the kitchens, sewing rooms and laundries of the Soviet Air Force installations in Finow after 1 September.⁴

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8. [REDACTED]

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9. Between 11:30 p.m. and midnight on 31 August, a jet fighter approaching from the direction of Finow circled over Eberswalde and subsequently fired tracer ammunition from two guns in the Trampen woods south of Eberswalde. Shortly after 2 p.m. on 1 September, about 60 MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s and 2 Li-2s were observed at the field. Between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., on 2 September, there was air activity by MiG-15s. [REDACTED]

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10. At 5:30 p.m. on 5 September, a biplane landed at the field and, simultaneously, another biplane took off. [REDACTED]

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11. Source observed for the first time on 12 September that three large fuel containers were stored in the northeastern section of the field. Apparently, more such containers were located there.⁵

12. On 13 September, source observed that the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern section of the field, west of the Finow-Biesenthal road was vacant. The emplacement had previously been occupied.² [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Finow airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments which are equipped with about 60 MiG-15s. Air activity has not changed when compared with previous observations.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The AA guns probably returned from the regular exercises with live ammunition. Six 37-mm AA guns are believed to be located at Finow airfield.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. These ammunition bunkers were previously reported. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The intended re-employment of German female personnel was also reported from Neuruppin airfield.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. The fuel dump whose pin-point location has not been determined is believed to be in the northeastern section of the field.

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